The Birthday Party

At Christmas we celebrate - but so often we forget what we are really celebrating, the birth of our Lord. The presents are certainly a part of this wonderful celebration, the light has significance, the joy is in keeping with Christmas.

Traditions of family and church serve to bring to us the truth of Christ's first advent and to cause us to reflect on this. But it also should serve to point to the second advent, which will come.

In a mountain hamlet, high in a mountain valley of West Virginia stands a church, a beautiful church. It was formed in 1788 and has many of the original names still worshiping there. I was honored to have been pastor of this church in the past. One of its traditions at the end of the Christmas program of music is the lighting of the birthday cake for Christ's birthday. After the singing of Happy Birthday Dear Jesus, the love and fellowship of this celebration is truly a joy to all and I feel certain it is a joy to our Lord as he looks down.

Let us all remember what we are celebrating this Christmas.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord". Matt 2:11

Cecil V. Dalton, Pastor
Appomattox Court House
Presbyterian Church

Decking Halls Has History

"Christ was born on Christmas day,
Wreathe the holly, twine the bay,

From England of long ago come the words of this carol, showing the early role of the bay tree and its greens in decorating for Christmas.

Its use harks back to ancient Greece, when both the bay and the laurel bedecked homes and public places in symbol of triumph. As traditional Christmas greens, they reflect the same joyful spirit, say the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

Holly, of course, is still popular as Yuletide greenery. But nowadays, when it's time to deck the halls, bay leaves are more likely to spice holiday cookery, rather than holiday decorating.

29 From County Referred To Central Virginia ASAP

Of 452 referrals to the Central Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP), the average age is 37½ years and 91 per cent are males. ASAP's November statistics indicate 161 of these defendants have successfully completed the program; 25 were dropped for violating the terms of agreement to participate in ASAP.

Much like drivers referred to ASAP in Central Virginia, a Columbia University publication describes the typical arrested drunk driver as: 36 years old, married and has children, male, has a driver's license, five feet, eight inches tall, weighs 164 pounds, a high school graduate, and is employed.

From Appomattox County, there have been 29 referrals to date with the average age being 41. Of the 29 referrals, 93.1% were males and 6.9% were females. Three have dropped from the program and eleven so far have graduated.

Central Virginia ASAP Director, L. T. Townes, urges drivers who will be attending parties over the holidays, "to pay close attention to how many drinks they have before operating a vehicle. A 150 pound person consuming two or three cocktails in one hour will have a blood alcohol content of about .10 per cent - the legal level of intoxication." Townes said, "To prevent an accident or arrest for DUI, it will require four to five hours without drinking to sober up enough to drive safely."

Tips on holiday party planning and alcohol information for the concerned host or hostess are available from ASAP and at local ABC stores.

NOSING AHEAD

Dasher? Dancer? Santa's most famous reindeer today is Rudolph of the red nose, from the 1939 song by Johnny Marks.

CAREFUL WITH COMMA!

That old carol really isn't "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," but "God Rest (Keep) You Merry, Gentlemen."

BEFORE TURKEY

Roast peacock was a Yule delicacy of early England.

Participants in Career Assembly, Opportunities In The Trades and Industrial Program at ACHS, held Wednesday of last week were, front row, left to right, Mr. George Almond, Masonry Instructor; Rose Glenn, Electronics I student; and Mr. Richard B. Carter, Director of Vocational Education; and on back row, left to right, Mr. Norman Hansen, Drafting Instructor; Mr. Joel Martin, Power Mechanics Instructor; and Mr. Robert Vaughan, Electronics Instructor.

Career Assembly Program Held At ACHS

By Beth Smoak

The Career Council of Appomattox County High School sponsored a Career Assembly on the "Trades and Industrial" department of the high school, on Wed., Dec. 15, 1976.

Mr. George Almond, of the Masonry Class spoke on Masonary. He stated that no prior training was required, however, students should be in good physical health and have above average manipulative aptitude. He also stated that Masonry Class prepares students for apprenticeship or entrance level positions in the masonry field.

Mr. Joel Martin, spoke on power mechanics. He informed the students that opportunities in this field are good and there will be a fast increase through 1990. Prerequisities of this course are a mathematical background, good mechanical reasoning, abstract concepts, reading comprehension, verbal reasoning and most importantly a desire to learn. Rose Glen, a first year student in electronics, gave her views of the merits of the electronics program.

The assembly was preceded by a general overview of the "Trades and Industrials,, R. B. Carter, spoke on what the trades and industrial department offers students. The co-ordinator of the assembly, Mr. Norman Hansen, stated drafting, a two year course, prepares the student for the excellent job opportunities in this field.

The Career Council would like to thank all of those involved for a very informative presentation.

FHA Girl Of The Month

At the monthly meeting of The Future Homemakers of America, Mary Dyess was chosen Girl of the Month for December. Along with activities in her church and community, Mary serves as the chapter's vice president and Fair Booth chairman. She has attended Federation meetings, planning meetings, worked on the Fair Booth and Homecoming Float and sold flavoring for the chapter. Mary is a sophomore at Appomattox County High School and holds her Junior and Chapter degree.

Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyess of Stonewall.

CRAFTY IDEAS

Sweet Thought

An entertaining way to spend some time—and save some money—is in the creative kind of cooking that can be enjoyed by anyone of almost any age.

One thing you can do is make your own brown sugar—and save about 15 percent of the store price.

Make as much as you need to turn out great glazes, and perfect pastries for the next few days.

For the equivalent of one-half cup of brown sugar, blend one-half cup granulated white sugar with two tablespoons unsulphured molasses.

You don't have to premix the sugar and molasses when they will be blended with other ingredients in a recipe, just add them both to the mixture.

Unsulphured molasses, such as Grandma's Molasses, can also be substituted for brown sugar entirely, in many recipes, because of its light taste and freshness not found in other types of molasses.

Cooking with molasses seems like a sweet way to wile away a rainy day.

Tempting scent to holiday candles

You have only to light a candle to fill your home with the tempting smells of holiday fare. Cranberries, gingerbread, nut bread waft through the air whetting family appetites. Hollyberry and fresh pine scented candles add to natural greenery and give an elegant touch to a mantle or dinner table. Scented candles, newly available, add to the festive mood of Christmas. To make candles last through the holiday season here are some suggestions:

★ Tapers on a dinner table should be at lip or chin level. The soft glow is flattering to all.

When blowing candles out hold your finger in front of the flame to keep the hot wax from spattering.

Scratching through the outer layer of wax with your fingernail, will release additional fragrance from scented candles.

Store candles by laying them flat in a dark, dry place. For slow and even burning, place candles in refrigerator overnight before using.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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"The Christmas Angel", an original play, was performed by the Brownies and Leaders of Troop 308 on December 18th at the Memorial United Methodist Church. The cast in 'the play is shown in the picture above in the Manger Scene. The lovely costumes were made by the Brownies' mothers.

Brownie Troop Presented Christmas Play

"The Christmas Angel", an original play, was presented on December 17 at the Memorial Methodist Church by the Brownies and Leaders of Troop 308. The audience of family and friends were welcomed with a poem, with one line each spoken by Lucy Christian, Ann Hancock, Diane Banks, and Jennifer Elder. The cast of the play were as follows: Head Angel, Leader Mrs. Thelma Knight; Carrie, the Christmas Angel, Avris Knight; Mrs. Holly, the school teacher, Leader Mrs. Mildred Thompson Aunt Mary was played by Leader Mrs. Nancy Mayberry; and the mother and sisters of Carrie were played by Leader Mrs. Barbara Mayberry and Stefanie Martin and Kathy White. The Angels sent from Heaven to the shepherds were Lucy Christian, Ann Nolen, and Monica Stratton. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was played by Kathy Beasley, and Joseph was played by Larry Johnson. The three Shepherds were Charlie Garrett, Terri Hancock, & Valarie Waid. The Three Wisemen were Diane Banks, Jennifer Elder, and Kimberly Fuller. The Angels were Jeannice Bartell, Valerie Garrett, Janice Foster, Valerie Guill, Dawn Hancock, Ann Hancock, Kathy Johnson, Amy and Ann Kerr, Jo Anna Layne, Anna Lee, Margie Lockner, Sue, Jane, and Ann Mayberry, and Wendy Mayberry, Cheryl Simpson, Leigh Ann Taylor, Emily Thompson, Sherry Vassar, and Cheryl Wooten. The Brownies thank Gene Thompson and Kenneth Mayberry who not only closed the curtains between acts, but also helped set up each scene of the play.

The beautiful costumes were made by the mothers of the Brownies and added so much to he enjoyment of the play for everyone. Each Brownie had a special part and performed it perfectly after much rehearsal, and each and everyone looked absolutely beautiful! Congratulations and Merry Christmas to each Brownie!

A surprise visit by Santa Claus bearing gifts for the Brownies and candy canes for all the children proved to be the hit of the evening!!! For their gifts for the Brownies, the Leaders had made clothespin dolls, Mary and the baby Jesus, and Mrs. Nancy Fuller made green and red stockings with gifts for stocking stuffers provided by Mrs. Myrtel White, Mrs.Eva Guill, Mrs. Anne Kerr, and Mrs. Louise Layne. Thank you, Santa Claus, for visiting us at such a busy time of the season!

A Christmas party followed Santa's visit, and the Leaders want to say a special thank you to Mrs. Margaret Lockner and all the mothers who helped prepare the refreshments, to the fathers who helped move chairs about, and a heartfelt thank you to everyone who stayed to help with the cleanup. And a big thank you goes out to David Knight who played a very special part in our program, to Debbie Knight and Sharon Knight for their help, and to Mr. Ralph Mayberry. For the use of their Fellowship Hall, the Brownies wish to say Thank you and Merry Christmas to all the members of the Memorial Methodist Church!

On December 18, a box of Christmas presents from all the Brownies in Troop 308 was carried to the Martin and Wooldridge Home for the Aged. Those Brownies who visited the home were Emily Thompson, Avris Knight, Wendy Mayberry, and Stefanie Martin. Leader Mrs. Barbara Mayberry and her small daughter, Tracy, and Leaders Mrs. Mildred Thompson, Mrs. Thelma Knight, and Mrs. Nancy Mayberry accompanied the Brownies to the home. A short program of holiday songs was preformed by the Brownies and the Leaders and then some of the presents were distributed by the Brownies. We hope that all the residents of the home have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

In closing, let us all make a New Year's resolution,that the Leaders, Parents, Brownies, and the community will all work together to make Scouting in Appomattox and in the surrounding areas even better in the new year of 1977!

BEES GET BUSY

On Christmas Eve, bees hum holiday carols and melodies, says legend.

Art Spreads Story Of His Birth

The Nativity scene has always stimulated and challenged painters and sculptors.

In turn, great works of art depicting the story of the birth of Christ have, through the years, enriched the lives and enhanced the spiritual insights of millions.

Earliest Christian art was simple and graphic, as clear and easy to appreciate as a comic strip.

Later, religious paintings became stilted.

Then, Italian Renaissance painters instilled renewed warmth and humanity into art, renewing, too, individual art appreciation, through their natural, lifelike creations.

Their work gained much from the stimulus of the changing times and the new approach to art, fostered by the support of the Medici and commissions for paintings and sculpture from the church.

For instance, Raphael, famous for the "Sistine Madonna," came to Rome from Florence to do a fresco decoration in the Vatican at the same time that Michelangelo was painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel.

Artists from other countries, too, traveled to Italy, there to experience and be influenced by Renaissance thought and feeling.

Decorating for Christmas

Indoors, outdoors, all around the house—Christmas is the season for decorating, and what a wealth of decorations there are!

The tree seems to be just the beginning. Its ornaments and lights become continually more varied and delightful.

Wreaths and greens, plants and bouquets, table centerpieces and window adornments appear in the home.

Outdoors, decorations range from a string of lights and a wreath on the door to manger scenes to such creations as Santa, sleigh and reindeer up on the roof-top.

Some of the yard and roof embellishments are real works of art—no wonder communities give prizes for outdoor decorating and lighting.

A diversity of designs for decorating are ready-made, offering welcome help during the bustling holiday season.

Still, it's fun to use personal ingenuity and creativity in making unusual Yule decorations, suggest the editors of the Grolier Universal Encyclopedia.

One thought might appeal to bird-lovers: Place a wreath, ready- or hand-made, outside a window. "Decorate" it with foods tasty to birds, such as peanuts, popcorn, cranberries and bits of suet.

Simple, personal touches make a difference. For instance, greens, ribbons and glittering balls can be attractively arranged on a table or shelf.

Just putting some colorful ornaments and pine cones in a big glass bowl brightens things up.

Set the kids to stringing cranberries and popcorn in the good old-fashioned way.

It's surprising how pleasingly they blend with the modern marvels of tree ornaments.

Every area of the home deserves some holiday accents. How about fastening candy canes to a broad, bright ribbon and draping it around the kitchen bulletin board?

For the more ambitious, there's the kissing bunch, an old English tradition.

An easy way to make one is to buy a ball of plastic foam. Greens—red-berried holly for color, mistletoe for kissing—can be inserted in the foam ball. Then a gala red bow and length of ribbon to hang it by are all that's needed.

Too late for this season? Much of the joy of Christmas is planning for the next one.

Huge Tree Is Symbol of Man

A French story of the 13th century relates how a huge tree was discovered in a forest, its branches lit with candles.

Some branches rose straight up, while others were turned down. Atop the tree was a child, with a halo around his head.

The story explains that the tree is mankind. Its candles represent people good or bad, and the child is the Christ Child.

Mistletoe Has Powers

Mysterious powers by the dozens have been credited to mistletoe, among them the power to heal, to ward off evil, to summon ghosts and force

At present the most prized property of mistletoe is the license it gives for plenty of Yuletide kissing. Fortunately, there's plenty of mistletoe.

Thanks to the birds, the plant spreads widely. The birds eat mistletoe berries and carry the seeds to trees near and far, say the editors of the Encyclopedia International.

Merry Christmas

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